43. **Class Education.**—The policy of throwing open departmental schools to all classes of His Highness' subjects was steadily persisted in. In some localities it was found that the opening of special schools for the backward classes was necessary, and six such schools were started during the year. Managers of private schools were encouraged, by means of liberal concessions, to open and maintain more schools for the education of such classes. Special attention was bestowed on the education of Mahomedans. As a result of a conference of the Director of Public Instruction with the leading representatives of that community, as many as 74 local committees have been organised, to induce Mahomedan pupils to attend in larger numbers, to open special schools for Mahomedans in important centres and to generally co-operate with the department in the work of the spread of education in that community. Arabic munshis were appointed in 10 elementary schools. Education among the Mahomedans and the Pulayas made considerable progress during 1090.

44. **Expenditure.**—The gross expenditure on education rose from Rs. 15,89,080 to Rs. 18,53,540 or by 16·6 per cent. The percentage of expenditure to the total revenue of the State was 12·4. The net expenditure stood at Rs. 14,66,619. The net expenditure on elementary education, exclusive of the cost of the controlling agency, was 63·1 per cent of the total net expenditure on the department. The question of the needlessly heavy expenditure on school-buildings has already engaged the attention of the Government and a comparatively cheap standard plan has been sanctioned for the construction of higher grade elementary schools. As hitherto, it will be the paramount duty of the Government in future to devote their special attention to the advancement of elementary education.

RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

45. **Devaswoms.**—A conference with the Dewan Peishkars was held at the beginning of 1090 to consider further details regarding the revision of the *pathivus* of the Major Devaswoms, and in accordance with the general plan settled at that conference, revised statements of the *pathivus* of two important Devaswoms were called for from each of the four Divisions. The revised *pathivus* of three Devaswoms, *viz.*, Varkala, Valia Chala and Ambalapuzha, have now come into operation, and in revising them, the principles enunciated in G. O. No. D. 4905, dated the 25th October 1912, have been carefully followed. As the result of careful scrutiny exercised in the revision of *pathivus*, it has been found possible to curtail the expenditure on account of the above Devaswoms to an appreciable extent. The detailed inspection of these Minor Devaswoms was completed during the year, in all the taluks of the State except Vaikam. The total receipts rose from Rs. 4,43,146 to Rs. 4,95,361, while the total expenditure fell from Rs. 11,56,256 to Rs. 11,46,423.

46. **Charities.**—The total number of mofussil Oottupuras fell from 33 to 30. The scale of expenditure in all those Oottupuras, except those of the Padmanabhapuram Division, was reduced, resulting in a permanent annual saving of Rs. 4,307 to the Government. The actual expenditure on mofussil Oottupuras was Rs. 79,646 against Rs. 85,569 in 1089, while the total expenditure on State Charities fell from Rs. 3,62,117 to Rs. 3,30,692.

MISCELLANEOUS.

47. **Geology.**—Orders were passed reducing the number of State Geologists from two to one.

48. **Press Room.**—I am glad to note that the Press Room opened in the Huzur Office is being utilised."

V. After the Address in English was read, copies of the Address, of the Administration Report for 1090 M. E., of the Memoranda of Subjects, and of the Report on the Administration of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department for 1090 M. E., in English and in Malayalam, were distributed among the Members.

The Assembly adjourned at 1-30 P. M. to meet again the next day at 11-30 A. M.

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